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July 25, 1949

Dear Pilgrim:

I wish to refer to my letter of June 8, 1949 upon the subject of the lowering bandit morale through leaflet drops and to enclose for your information some evidence in translation received from the Greek General Staff showing the effectiveness of these leaflets.

Sincerely yours,

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STATEMENTS FROM SURRENDERED BANDITS

While I was in the mountains I served in Unit 192 under Bantches. I was in the mountains for 9 months. I have been recruited by force. On April 1949 a leaflet fell in my hands, and on the 24th of May I surrendered to the National Army in the area of Velesino. The leaflet stated that nothing would happen to us, which is true.

Dina Toufexi
Tsition - Trikkala

My name is Vasilios Ap. Rahovitsas from Ayios Akakios, Province of Karditsa. I was undergoing medical treatment in the bandit hospital at Ai-Dimitri - Carpenisi, servicing in the 172 Brigade under diamandis. At the beginning of March, National planes dropped leaflets about the ousting of Marcos from the Bandit Government and on the decision of the 5th Plenary Session of the K.K.E. The leaflets were also tickets for surrender. On the 4th of April 1949 I had a chance and surrendered to the National Army at the position Kekkala. I have been recruited by force from Karditsa on the 12th of December 1948.

Larisa 10th July, 1949
Vasilios Rahovitsas

My name is Apostolidis K. from Macrinitza - Serres - while serving in the 14th Brigade under Georgiades, a National Army leaflet fell in my hands, I escaped and surrendered to the National Army and was treated very well.

Apostolides K.

My name is Stefanos Sakelariou from the village Neochorion - Karditsa. Two leaflets dropped by National planes at the time that I was serving in the 55 Space Unit which has as captain J. Maglaras, came to my possession. One of them was taken from me and torn, the other I put away in my wallet. The leaflet was titled, ticket and with that I surrendered to National Army Units on April 5th.

Stefanos Sakelariou

My name is Gonas Gedeon from Tirnavos - Larissa. I was serving in the bands unwillingly. Precisely in the 7 unit, 5th company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Division. While at Agrafa a leaflet came to my possession, saying: deceived young Greeks drop the arms of treason and surrender to the closest unit of the National Army, nothing will happen to you, you will be treated as brothers.: On March the 23rd I surrendered and was treated very well.

Gonas Gedeon
Tirnavos - Larissa 19-7-49

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My name is Kriisanthi Gavriel from Laspi - Karpenisi - In the mountains I served in Unit 55 under Maglaras, I got a leaflet and on the 22-6-49 surrendered to the Army.

Kriisanthi Gavriel

My name is Petrakis K. from Salonika, I was serving in the sapper unit, Engineers Platoon of the 108 Brigade under Sofianos. A leaflet of the National Army fell in my hands and with that in hand I surrendered to the National Army and was well treated.

Petrakis K.

While serving in the Vardousia Mountains as a nurse of the security Company of the 2nd Division I got a leaflet, by reading it I saw that it urged us to surrender to the National Army and nothing would happen to us, that we would return to our homes where our parents were expecting us. Since then my only thought was how to escape from my tyrants. I escaped when I got the chance and on the 16th of April 1949 surrendered at Motoriki. I was recruited by force on the 6th or 8th of April 1948 at Farsala.

Teculi M.

My name is Anna Karastergious from Fourni - Evritania. I served in Space Unit 65 under Masiala. I got a leaflet and went and surrendered to the Army on the 29th of May

Anna Karastergion

My name is Vasilios Tsionas from Kounades - Karditea. I was serving as stretcher-bearer in H.Q. Company, Pythagora Brigade of the II Division under Diamandis. I found a leaflet of the National Army which I kept and still have in my wallet. I went and surrendered to the National Army, which sent me here. I was treated well.

Larisa 11-7-49
Vasilios Tsionas

My name is Tasios Misailides from Kapadokikon - Karditea. I was serving in the band of Alevra of the 105 Brigade at Grammos. I got a leaflet of our Nation telling the National Army that they must protect every bandit who gives himself up. Having with me the leaflet I immediately went fully armed and surrendered to the National Army which took care of me and sent me here.

T. Misailides

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I was serving in the Company of mechanized Transport 144 Brigade, II Division under Diamandis. I found on a hill the leaflet of the National Army; when I read and understood what it said, I immediately gave myself up on the 10th June, and saw the lies they say and the robberies of the people.

Vasilios Goutivos

Theodora Goula, my village is Vanari - Karditsa. I was serving in a Transport Company when I got a leaflet and read it; I immediately gave myself up.

Theodora Goula

My name is Theodorakis Sotirios. I live in the Trikala area village Bagia. I was serving in the Areal Unit 33 of Easia and Anti-Easia. I found a leaflet when I read it I saw what was good for me and I surrendered to the National Army, by which I was treated very well.

S. Theodorakis

My name is Tarlias Zisis from Tisnavos - Larisa. I served in the 15th Unit 1st Division. The National Army had dropped leaflets. I got one read it and gave myself up to the National Army I was greeted with great joy and was treated as a brother.

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August 1, 1949

Dear Pilgrim:

I wish to refer to my letters of June 8, June 25 and July 25 on the subject of leaflet drops and to enclose for your information copies of leaflets printed during the past two months. We have not received from the Greek General Staff evidence of the effectiveness of these drops. If and when such is received I shall pass it on to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Enclosed 23 leaflets)

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